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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS



Trade sentiment on 8-12 lb. hens fully steady to firm, 12-16 lb. hens barely steady to fully steady, and consumer sized toms steady to barely steady for prompt shipments, fully steady for deferred. Frozen inquiry light to fair consisting mostly of distributive or fill-in interest. Fresh November holiday demand fair. Frozen trading light for November shipments. Offerings of frozen packer label hens ranged from tight on 8-12 lb. sizes to sometimes fully adequate on 12-16 lb. weights. Frozen packer label consumer sized tom supplies were in a full range, mostly adequate to fully adequate. Frozen private label offerings ranged short to adequate. Trading was heavy on Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts, balance of meats and parts light.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on moderate volumes of thigh meat and tom drums, balance light. Frozen commodity consumer sized toms traded at 63 cents delivered port for October shipments. Demand was active from Mexico for prompt shipments on drums, thigh meat and mechanically separated turkey. Interest was also noted from the Caribbean, Eastern Europe, Pacific region, and South America.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **SEPTEMBER 19, 2002**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
					WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	64-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-69	64-65.5	64.83	240	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-68	66.5	66.50	30	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	55-59	57-57.5	57.17	120	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	56-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-68	-	-	-	74.00	80	NOV	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	55-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	56-60	-	-	-	71.00	120	NOV	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

**WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF SEPT 20, 2002	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	67.00	68.82	69.28
CENTRAL REGION	64.83	66.11	69.00
WESTERN REGION	66.50	67.00**	68.80**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	58.00	59.43	64.64
CENTRAL REGION	56.50	58.00	64.00
WESTERN REGION	58.00**	58.00**	64.80**

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	72
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	64
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	66-71

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	89-119
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	89-119
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	85-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	84-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	102-105

**FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT** U.S. GRADE A,  
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS  
PER POUND, WEEK OF 23-SEP-2002

	(8-16#)	(16-24#)		
	HENS	LBS TOMS	LBS	
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	73.25	160	66.63	40
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	72.80	100	66.63	40
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)	74.00	60		
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND**

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

AUGUST	458,126*
SEPTEMBER 1-14, 2002	196,698*

To date 2002	3,637,346*
To date 2001	3,659,148*

\* PRELIMINARY

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 14-Sep-2002  
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

		<u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u>		<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>	
		PCT CHG	AVG LIVE	OLD BANDED	AVG LIVE
-THOUSAND HEAD-	PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-	WT	
N EAST	784	14	21.93	(A)	788 21.93
SATL	825	15	27.32	(A)	828 27.32
N CENT	2,299	19	30.08	(A)	2,303 30.08
S CENT	542	6	20.19	(A)	545 20.19
WEST	472	0	23.24	(A)	475 23.24
U.S. TOTAL	4,922(B)	14	26.58	17	4,939 26.58
TO-DATE					
2002	170,295(B)			293	170,588
TO-DATE					
2001	176,175(B)			423	176,598

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 88,000, for the year 1,910,000; last year to date 1,583,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED**

WEEK ENDING 14-Sep-2002

	YOUNG HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL
	<u>THOUSANDS</u>				
HEAD	1,946	2,888	88	17	4,939
AVG WT	15.32	34.24	23.86	28.84	26.58
LAST WEEK	1,714	2,541	73	5	4,333
SAME WK YR AGO	2,152	2,927	95	6	5,180
AVG WT	15.48	33.42	24.77	22.24	26.04
TO-DATE/2002	68,063	100,322	1,910	293	170,588
TO-DATE/2001	74,115	100,477	1,583	423	176,598

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**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 19 SEPTEMBER 2002.

The market was steady to barely steady on tom 2-joint wings and drums, steady to weak on necks, mostly steady on full-cut wings and hen 2-joint wings. Domestic demand ranged light to fair. Export demand on bulk parts was fair on drums, balance light. Frozen thigh meat inquiry was moderate from Mexico, balance slow. Domestic trading was light and centered on bulk parts. Export trading centered on a heavy volume of tails, balance light. Some defatted gizzards traded at 47 cents delivered domestic and 56 cents delivered export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		M	96.50	240
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	91.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	20.00-21.00		20.88	16
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		T	20.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	18.00-19.00		18.13	46
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	22.00-23.00		22.18	17
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	22.00		22.00	18
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	30.00		30.00	9
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	14.00-15.00		14.35	55
NECKS, HEN	14.00		14.00	10
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	139.00		139.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	187.00-188.00		187.50	80
THIGH MEAT		T	50.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	54.89	72
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	86.00	60
SCAPULA MEAT		W	80.00	20
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	116.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	139.00		139.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	50.00		50.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	17.00		17.00	40

#### EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	19.25		19.25	104
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	22.00		22.00	208
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	26.00		26.00	104
TAILS	14.00-19.00		14.83	1,080
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	19.50-20.00		19.63	150
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	53.00-56.00		53.60	50

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins. 4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

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Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady on fresh tom breast meat, at least steady on fresh destrapped tenderloins, and steady to fully steady on fresh wing meat. Fresh tom breast meat demand was light to fair with some noting buyer interest continuing to slow when compared to previous weeks. Demand was fair on fresh destrapped tenderloins and fair to good on fresh wing meat. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat were adequate to fully adequate, light on the balance of fresh white meat. Frozen white meat undertone was fully steady on scapula, balance steady to barely steady. Frozen demand ranged light to instances fair with isolated improved interest noted on wing meat. Offerings of scapula tight, balance mixed. The undertone on 4-8 lb. breasts was steady with increased confidence noted, institutional breasts steady to fully steady. Demand ranged light to instances good for the generally adequate offerings. Domestic trading centered on a heavy volume of Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts for mostly October shipments, balance light. Export trading centered on moderate volumes of thigh meat and drums. Non-basted breasts: Grade A 12-16 lb. 102, plant grade 12-16 lb. 92, plant grade basted 20-24 lb. breasts 102 cents delivered domestic. Fresh thigh meat 55, hen 2-joint wings 57 cents delivered export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	99.00		99.00	960	98.50	1,200
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	91.00	40	91.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	20.00		20.00	40	20.28	58
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	20.00-21.00		20.73	165	20.49	245
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	19.00		19.00	120	18.73	366
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	22.00		22.00	40	21.89	213
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	22.00	18	22.00	18
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	30.00	9	29.73	133
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN						
NECKS, TOM		R	14.35	55	14.62	382
NECKS, HEN		R	14.00	10	12.80	50
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	139.00	40	139.41	136
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	184.00-188.00		186.25	160	187.28	368
THIGH MEAT		T	50.00	40	50.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	56.00-60.00		56.63	76	56.63	76
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	86.00	60		
SCAPULA MEAT		W	80.00	20	78.67	60
TENDERLOINS	120.00		120.00	20	120.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	116.00	40		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	139.00		139.00	40	139.27	110
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	50.00	80	48.82	212
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		R	17.00	40	17.07	748
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	19.00-20.00		19.72	516	20.03	884
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	22.00	208	22.00	208
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	26.00	104	26.00	104
TAILS	15.00		15.00	240	15.66	1,948
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	19.50		19.50	40	19.71	470
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	51.00-55.00		53.00	640	51.86	1,102

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